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March 26th, 1920.

Fred. A. Canfield, Esq.,
Dover,
New Jersey.

Dear Sir:-

I have your letter of the 24th. We are planning to publish Mr. Miller's valuable work on the Connecticut cents as part of our next Journal. We hope to have this ready for issue by June, and it is more than likely Miss Miller will make arrangements whereby we can distribute copies as Mr. Miller had promised. If you are interested in this series or in collecting in general, may I enquire whether you have ever received an invitation to become a member of The American Numismatic Society? It would give me great pleasure to present your name if you will give me permission to do so, and as a means to that end I am enclosing a card and a folder describing our organization. Whether you consider this invitation favorably or not, may I add that we should be very glad to welcome you at our Museum whenever you may be in New York.

Very respectfully yours,

Secretary.

FREDERICK A. CANFIELD
MINING ENGINEER
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DOVER
NEW JERSEY

Dover, N. J., Sept. 6th 1920

The American Numismatic Society

New York City

Gentlemen:-

I am just in receipt of a copy of "THE STATE COINAGES
OF NEW ENGLAND". Will you kindly tell me to whom I am indebted, and the amount?
In your reply kindly tell me if there is in your collection, a seventh (7th) variety of
Connecticut.
Obverse 16 (1787). ^A I have the six varieties given in Miller, also a different one.
I wish to compare mine with a better copy.

Yours truly

Fred^r A. Canfield

September 8th, 1920

Frederick A. Canfield, Esq.
Dover, N.J.

My dear Sir:

The copy of the 'State Coinages of New England' was sent to you at the request of the late Mr. Miller, who arranged before he died to have copies of his forthcoming work sent to a few of those who had assisted him in getting together material for it.

In regard to your enquiry relating to a seventh variety of Obverse 16 (1787), we have not yet had an opportunity to arrange our collection of these pieces in accordance with Mr. Miller's tables, and therefore I cannot at this time answer your question.

Very truly yours,

Assistant to Curator

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FREDERICK A. CANFIELD
MINING ENGINEER
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DOVER
NEW JERSEY

Dover, N. J. Sept. 29th 1920

The American Numismatic Society

New York City

Gentlemen:-

I regret to say, that by a very partial examination, I find there are many misprints, mistakes, omissions, and errors in the Miller list of the coins of Connecticut. For example, there are more than fifty under the series of Obverse 33, (1787). This includes the errors &c. found in the descriptions of the Reverses paired with Obverse 33. As the Miller List will be the standard for all collectors, for all time, it is important that a list of "Erata" should be prepared and distributed as soon as possible. Will you kindly tell me if such a list is in course of preparation, and if there is, about how soon it will be published?

Yours truly

Fred A. Canfield

September 30th, 1920.

Dr. Frederick A. Canfield,
Dover,
New Jersey.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of September 29th at hand, and we notice what you say concerning the errors in Mr. Miller's article. Although we thought there might be a few errors, we did not imagine that there were as many as you surmise. We took Mr. Miller's word that the proof was all right, and that he had thoroughly corrected it. His death occurred before the page proof came to us, and in this last proof we caught one or two errors. Unfortunately we did not have the means of checking up and knowing absolutely what were the errors and what were not. We ourselves have noted a few since his article was printed.

If it is not asking too much of you we would greatly appreciate it if you could send us a list of errors that you may have noted. If it would be easier for you to do this by marking up a copy, let us know and we will send you a copy of his article.

We beg to thank you for calling our attention to his mistakes, and regret exceedingly that anything like this should have occurred in Mr. Miller's article.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

October 26th, 1920.

Mr. Frederick A. Canfield,
Dover, New Jersey.

Dear Sir:-

Your favor of October 21st at hand.. I am sending you another copy of "The State Coinages of New England" which you may have, and I would be glad to receive later the first 62 pages of the soiled copy with what errors and corrections you have been able to note.

While Mr. Miller was alive he corrected all of the proof. After his death we did it here to the best of our ability. As for what he left out, we had no means of knowing. We are surprised, however, that he left out any considerable number of pieces. We naturally would like to know of all the pieces that he omitted, and we are wondering if you can make an extra copy while you are making your own copy. I would say offhand that we would be willing to publish them, but cannot tell you anything officially until I know more about this. This I am always willing to take up with you whenever you are ready.

I myself have copied one or two errors:

- Page 6, #29, under "With Reverse" column aa should read a.
#38, should read GG instead of gg.
" 8, #12, should have reverse F also.
" 9, Reverse H should have the cinquefoil before INDE.

I think Mr. Ryder has discovered a new Massachusetts cent.

I beg to remain,

Yours very truly,

Curator.

November 5th, 1920.

Mr. Frederick A. Canfield,
Dover,
New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Canfield:-

Your letter together with the marked copy of Connecticut Cents came this morning, and many thanks for your promptness. It will take me a little while to digest what you say and study the notes, and I will drop you another line later.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

April 17th, 1922.

Mr. Frederick A. Canfield,
Dover,
New Jersey.

Dear Mr. Canfield:-

I beg to thank you for your letter of April 14th with corrections and additions to the Connecticut Coinage. I will file these changes with the rest of the data received though I see no immediate hope of publishing the corrections that have come in though I have it in mind.

Very truly yours,

Curator.

April 1st, 1924

Mr. F. A. Canfield
Dover, N.J.

Dear Mr. Canfield:

We are sending, herewith, proof of
the corrections and additions to the State
Coinage of Connecticut.

Will you please look this over and
return at your early convenience to Miss
Earle here as I possibly may not be in the
office for some time.

Very truly yours,

Curator

Enc.

FREDERICK A. CANFIELD
MINING ENGINEER
ECONOMIC MINERALOGIST

DOVER
NEW JERSEY

Dover, N. J., Dec. 24th 1924

Mr. Howland Wood, Curator

New York City

Dear Mr. Wood:-

I have been wondering for a long time if the supplement to Miller's Coins of Connecticut has been published. If it has been issued, kindly tell me how I can obtain a copy.

You may be interested to learn that my list of Conn. cents numbers 299.

With regards and wishes of the season, I am -

Yours truly

Fred^l. A. Canfield

2 copies

*1 to Hylke Rydner
Carmel N.Y.*

December 31st, 1924

Mr. Frederick A. Canfield
Dover, N.J.

Dear Mr. Canfield:

I am sending, under separate cover, a couple of the supplements to Hildesheim Coins of Connecticut. Shortly before these went out, I went on vacation for several months, and left instructions to have two copies sent to you and supposed that this was done. I am very sorry to learn of the omission and beg to apologize. If you desire further copies, let me know and I shall be glad to have them sent to you.

With best wishes for the New Year, I am,

Very truly yours,

Curator